

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND DESIGNATING
6 FEBRUARY 23, 2005, AS ROTARY DAY IN MONTANA.

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8 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chicago was founded on February 23, 1905, when Chicago attorney
9 Paul Harris invited three business associates to a meeting to form a club to share "mutual cooperation and
10 informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages"; and

11 WHEREAS, by 1921, Rotary Clubs had been formed on six continents, and the name Rotary
12 International was adopted in 1922; and

13 WHEREAS, as Rotary International grew, its focus changed from serving the business and professional
14 needs of its members to serving communities in need, as expressed in its motto "Service Above Self"; and

15 WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation, established in 1928, today garners contributions exceeding \$80
16 million annually to support a range of humanitarian grants and educational programs; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary International made a commitment to immunize all of the world's children
18 against polio, and by the centennial of Rotary in 2005, more than \$500 million will have been earmarked for the
19 eradication of polio; and

20 WHEREAS, Rotary International is approaching its 100th anniversary and consists of 1.2 million
21 members in some 31,000 Rotary Clubs in 166 countries, all committed to addressing such problems as
22 environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk.

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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

26 That the Montana Legislature designate February 23, 2005, as Rotary Day in Montana in honor of the
27 numerous and ongoing contributions of Rotary International to communities throughout the State of Montana,
28 across the nation, and around the world.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State transmit a copy of this resolution to Glenn E.
30 Estess, president of Rotary International, so that members of Rotary International may be apprised of the sense

1 of the Montana Legislature in this matter.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Services Division post the designation of this day on
3 the Montana Legislature's website.

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